

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Booklist for Battle of the Books, 2015-16

GRADES: High School

Listed below are the summaries for the Battle of the Books titles. For additional information on Battle of the Books, visit the Alaska Association of School Librarians (AkASL) webpage, or the ASD library webpage.

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe

By Benjamin Alire Saenz

Fifteen-year-old Ari Mendoza is an angry loner with a brother in prison, but when he meets Dante and they become friends, Ari starts to ask questions about himself, his parents, and his family that he has never asked before.

Caged Graves

By Dianne K. Salerni

Returning to her hometown of Catawissa, Pennsylvania, in 1867 to marry a man she has never met, seventeen-year-old Verity Boone gets caught up in the a mystery surrounding the graves of her mother and aunt and a dangerous hunt for Revolutionary-era gold.

Dorothy Must Die

By Danielle Paige

Amy Gumm, the other girl from Kansas, has been recruited by the Revolutionary Order of the Wicked to stop Dorothy who has found a way to come back to Oz, seizing a power that has gone to her head so now no one is safe!

George Washington's Secret Six

By Brian Kilmeade

When George Washington beats a hasty retreat from New York City in August 1776, many thought the American Revolution might soon be over. Instead, Washington rallied—thanks in large part to a little-known, top-secret group called the Culper Spy Ring. He realized that he couldn't defeat the British with military might, so he

recruited a sophisticated and deeply secretive intelligence network to infiltrate New York.

If I Stay

By Gayle Forman

While in a coma following an automobile accident that killed her parents and younger brother, seventeen-year-old Mia, a gifted cellist, weighs whether to live with her grief or join her family in death.

Living

By Matt De La Pena

After an earthquake destroys California and a tsunami wrecks the luxury cruise ship where he is a summer employee, high schooler Shy confronts another deadly surprise.

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children

By Ransom Riggs

After a family tragedy, Jacob feels compelled to explore an abandoned orphanage on an island off the coast of Wales, discovering disturbing facts about the children who were kept there.

Old Man and the Sea

By Ernest Hemingway

Hemingway's triumphant yet tragic story of an old Cuban fisherman and his relentless, agonizing battle with a giant marlin far out in the Gulf Stream combines the simplicity of a fable, the significance of a parable, and the drama of an epic.

Peak

By Roland Smith

A fourteen-year-old boy attempts to be the youngest person to reach the top of Mount Everest.

Seraphina

By Rachel Hartman

In a world where dragons and humans coexist in an uneasy truce

and dragons can assume human form, Seraphina, whose mother died giving birth to her, grapples with her own identity amid magical secrets and royal scandals, while she struggles to accept and develop her extraordinary musical talents.

Steelheart

By Brandon Sanderson

At age eight, David watched as his father was killed by an Epic, a human with superhuman powers, and now, ten years later, he joins the Reckoners--the only people who are trying to kill the Epics and end their tyranny.

Submerged

By Dani Pettrey

Yancey, Alaska was a quiet town - until the truth of what was hidden in the depths off the coast began to appear. A sabotaged plane. Two dead deep-water divers. Cole is helping the police recover evidence... but dealing with Bailey's reappearance is a tougher challenge. He let her down, but he's not the same guy she left behind. Can they move beyond the hurts of their pasts and find a future together?

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